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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN

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1. DIRECTOR OF THE FRG PLANNING STAFF (KINKEL) HAS TOLD THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT BREZHNEV WILL MOST LIKELY BE IN BONN BETWEEN NOVEMBER 28 AND DECEMBER 2. ALTHOUGH BOTH SIDES HAD HOPED FOR AN EARLIER DATE, THE SOVIETS HAD DELAYED, IN KINKEL'S OPINION, IN HOPES OF A BREZHNEV VISIT TO THE US THIS FALL.

2. KINKEL NOTED THAT BREZHNEV LIKES TO SIGN PAPERS ON OFFICIAL VISITS BUT THAT THERE WAS STILL NO INDICATION THAT THERE WOULD BE ANYTHING TO SIGN IN BONN. THERE HAS BEEN NO MOVEMENT IN THE SOVIET POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE THREE STALLED AGREEMENTS. KINKEL ADDED THAT GENSCHER IS ALSO ADHERING QUITE FIRMLY TO HIS POSITION
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THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO FRG COMPROMISE ON THE STATUS OF BERLIN IN ANY OF THE AGREEMENTS.

3. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT THE GERMANS AND RUSSIANS ARE STILL TRYING. ONE PURPOSE OF POLITICAL DIRECTOR BLECH'S CONSULTATIONS IN MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 14-16 WILL BE TO FIND A MEANS OF GIVING SUBSTANCE TO THE BREZHNEV

VISIT. ACCORDING TO SOVIET AFFAIRS DIRECTOR KUEHN, BLECH WILL HAVE ANOTHER ROUND ON THE THREE STALLED AGREEMENTS, PARTICULARLY THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT. THERE IS ALSO A POSSIBILITY OF COMPLETING A DRAFT DOUBLE TAXATION TREATY FOR SIGNATURE DURING THE BREZHNEV VISIT AND OF ANNOUNCING AN EXCHANGE OF INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITIONS. BLECH IS SCHEDULED TO HAVE FOUR WORKING SESSIONS WITH BONDARENKO AND MAY ALSO MEET WITH KOVALEV OR ANOTHER DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER.

4. BLECH WILL ALSO DISCUSS MOSCOW'S PROPOSAL, MADE DURING THE FRG-SOVIET DISARMAMENT TALKS SEPTEMBER 1-2 (SEPTEL), THAT THE TWO SIDES SIGN A BILATERAL DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT MATTERS DURING THE BREZHNEV VISIT. WHILE THE SUBSTANCE OF SUCH A DECLARATION WAS NOT THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED, THE FRG GATHERS THE SOVIETS WANT SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF THE FRANCO-SOVIET DECLARATION, WITH THE EMPHASIS ON NON-PROLIFERATION. THE FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING LEVEL SEES NO NEED FOR SUCH A DECLARATION AND WILL BE PERFECTLY CONTENT WITH AN ORDINARY COMMUNIQUE. THE FOREIGN OFFICE FEELS THIS WILL GIVE THE FRG GOOD BARGAINING LEVERAGE IF THE SOVIETS PERSIST IN THEIR DESIRE FOR A DECLARATION. MEEHAN

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